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TAGS: OEXC, DM (BEER, DAVID F.)

SUBJECT: U. S. PROFESSOR PROGRAM

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1. CIES HAS FOUND AN AMERICAN CIVILIZATION PROFESSOR STILL AVAILABLE FOR 1976-77 AND INTERESTED IN BENIN ASSIGNMENT. HE WAS NOMINATED FOR MOROCCO BUT WAS NOT ACCOMMODATED SINCE INCUMBENT RENEWED. NOMINATION PAPERS WILL BE FORWARDED SOONEST BUT NEED POST'S CONFIRMATION THAT THEY AND UNIVERSITY WOULD BE INTERESTED AND HE WOULD DEFINITELY BE UTILIZED.

2. NOMINEE IS DAVID F. BEER, AGE 36, MARRIED WITH 3-YEAR OLD DAUGHTER, ASST. PROF. OF ENGLISH AT FT. LOUIS COLLEGE, DURANGO, COLORADO SINCE 1975. PH.D. FROM NEW MEXICO 1972, GRAD. ASSIST. IN ENGLISH, UNIV. OF NEW MEXICO 1969-72, ASST. PROF. ENGLISH, HAILE SELASSIE I UNIV. 1972-75, PREPARED TO TEACH ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE, LINGUISTICS, PROBLEMS IN BILINGUALISM, AMER. LITER., ENGLISH LIT., SHAKESPEARE, 17TH CENTURY ENG. LIT., MILTON, AFRICAN LIT., THE NOVEL, THE SHORT STORY, POETRY, UNCLASSIFIED

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AND INTRODUCTION TO DRAMA. HE IS COMPETENT IN FRENCH BUT

NOT FLUENT. BEER'S REFERENCE LETTERS ARE ALL LAUDABLE,
DESCRIBING HIM AS "HIGHLY PERSONABLE AND EFFECTIVE TEACHER
WITH FRIENDLY PATIENT ATTITUDE FOR ANYONE WHO WISHES TO
LEARN."

3. HE WOULD LIKE ANSWERS TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IF HE
APPROVED: WHAT COURSES WILL HE BE ASKED TO TEACH,
TEXTBOOKS AVAILABLE AND WHAT SHOULD BE BROUGHT WITH HIM?
WHEN DOES ACADEMIC YEAR BEGIN AND WHEN SHOULD HE ARRIVE
POST? WHAT IS HOUSING ARRANGEMENT? ARE THERE ANY
DUTY-FREE PRIVILEGES? WHEN IS LAWTON DUE BACK IN U.S.
SO BEER CAN TALK TO HIM?

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